## HOPE FOR IDLE SEEN IN BUILDING REVIVAL

New Construction Could Employ 3,000,000 Workers for Three Years.

DATA ARE SUBMITTED

Unemployment Conference the Urges Adjustments to Speed Work.

Costs of Financing, of Materials and of Labor Must Be Lowered, Says Report.

nation's entire list of unemployed, can be given regular work for three years ference on unemployment made public to-day. The findings were in a report submitted by the committee on build-

At least \$10,000,000,000 worth of new construction is urgently needed by

regarded as essential. Approximately 33 per cent. of building now going on is found, indicating construction men are whittling away at the nationwide dwell-

To revive construction in a decidedly beneficial manner to the entire country building loans and labor, must be duced, according to the report.

Adjustment of these factors is a mat-

materials, builders, workers and bankers, it was stated.

The conference recommends that Secretary of Commerce Hoover name a
committee to cooperate with local
groups in bringing about reductions of
freight rates on building materials and
the standardization of building costs to
bring about economies in manufacture
of building materials.

"If local conditions prove satisfactory
there is no reason," read the report,
why work should not proceed immediately. This is especially true of
persons contemplating the building of
their own homes and who are now paying rentals based on infacted values.

"Money must be made available on
reasonable terms and in reasonable
volume and free from demands of business and commissions of questionable
character.

"The savings deposits of the people are the natural economic source of loans for home building. The aggregate is ample for this purpose even though a portion is paid by adequate investment in more liquid securities to meet withdrawals. There would be no difficulty in financing homes if the fundamental principle of the use of long term deposits for home loan and long term purposes was generally followed. In every section of the country owners have declined to start new projects on account of the financing charge, but both the interest rate and commissions and the premiums paid for loans being discouragingly high. rate and commissions and the premiums paid for loans being discouragingly high. Commissions from 10 to 20 per cent. have been charged in addition to interest at 7 and 8 per cent. When an ewner must pay such sums before construction work starts, many projects have necessarily been abandoned in the face of continual need and demand for citizen Goes Wrong.

'Many construction materials have been substantially reduced in price. Some have been reduced to a point which is retarding production. It is apparent, however, that other construction materials have not been reduced in keeping with the trend of wholesale prices on other commodities. In many instances retailers of construction materials have not yet followed reductions put into effect by manufacturers and

### FORD BUYS FIRST READER; REALIZES A LIFE AMBITION

Old School Book, One of Three in Existence, Better Than a Railroad, He Says-Will Complete His Education This Winter.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 12.—The secret is out. Henry Ford did not come to Cincinnati to buy a railroad as re-Cincinnati to buy a railroad as reported, but a McGuffey's first reader. And now one of the life ambitions of the motor wizard has been realized, for, when Henry went to sleep tonight, one of the three unsoiled "McGuffey's Firsts" said to exist nestled under his pillow.

In addition to this book, which Mr. Ford stated his business. Then he shook his head.

LOCAL ACTION SUGGESTED Ford says is the volume from which a third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh

a third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh reader of the series.

Mr. Ford to-day slipped away from his friends and visited a big book store on Government Square, where he timidly asked for a McGuffey's first reader. The shopkeeper smiled.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Oct. 12. 5
million workers, a number to more than one-half of the sentire list of unemployed, can nergular work for three years har regular work for three years har revival of the building inthroughout the United States, and to the findings of the contour unemployment made public. The findings were in a report ted by the committee on builded approved by the entire contours and conveniences, and to permit systematic saving. Due allowance should be made for seasonal employment.

fare."

Samuel Gompers filed a protest
against the reference to jurisdictional
disputes when the conference was considering the committee report. Gompers
also objected to a section of the report
which coupled together the cost of materials, financing and labor. Labor, he
said, is not merely a construction factor
or commodity.

said, had eliminated all jurisdictional controversies between unions excepting one between the sheet metal workers and the carpenters.

Less than 50,000 men are now employed in American shipbuilding yards, the committee on shipping reported, as compared with 94,478 on January 1 this year and 176,705 on the same date in 1919. Eleven out of forty steel shipbuilding yards on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts are closed, according to the report, while of the 2,079 vessels owned by the United States Shipping Board 241 are tied up idle.

As temporary measures of relief both aboard ships and in yards, the committee recommended elimination of overtime work, split time between workers to distribute the lack of jobs and preference to American seamen over foreign workers. The Shipping Board is now following all these recommendations, the report stated.

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As permanent measures of relief the committee recommended prompt action on enforcement or amendment of the Jones shipping law; sale of Government owned vessels to private interests; establishment of a maritime code and faithful enforcement of the coastwise shipping laws.

The committee also urged that American ships should be given every possible encouragement by the Government through contracts to carry mails and federally owned cargoes.

FAIL TO GET SLAYER Theory Bank Murderer Was Citizen Goes Wrong.

finger prints of all the men in Glenview

shook his head.

"There are only three unsold McGuffey's firsts in existence," he said, "We have two here and one is in New York. I would hate to part with one of them."

Mr. Ford talked for fifteen minutes and won after his identity became known. He left with a copy of McGuffey's First Reader under his arm.

"I'd rather have it than a railroad," Mr. Ford said. "I'm going to complete my education reading this winter."

Heads of Big Four Fail to Reach Agreement After 3 Days of Meetings.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12 .- Little likelihood of vorkers of the big four brotherhoods workers of the hig four brotherhoods was forecast to-night by L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors. After three days and nights of meetings the executives and general chairmen of the conductors, engineers and firemen to-night were still far from agreement. Mr. Sheppard said:

"It is likely now that there will be no preparate that the proper said the said of the sa

nent made when these confer-ourn. Thus far we can say

await the action of the remaining trio. Mr. Lee said:

"Our men have voted to strike and I will give them my authorization the minute the other three say the word. It is up to them."

Mr. Lee added, however, that he was not expecting strike action, and that he would not be surprised to see the conferences end without definite action.

T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, which also voted to strike on the joint ballot of the brotherhoods, was not in Chicago

FARMER SLAIN IN DRY RAID.

alleged moonshiner was killed in a raid on a cabin near Bardstown, Ky., early to-day. L. H. Gilbert of Louisville and N. E. Reed of Edmonton county were shot through the legs when they attempted to destroy a still in the cabin. As they entered the structure they were fired on from the brush. The fire was returned and Arthur Burman, a farmer, fell dead. Two of his companions were taken prisoners.

## **WIZARD SAYS KLAN** ISN'T ANTI ANYTHING

Object Is Religious and Race Tolerance, He Tells House Committee.

WILL DISBAND IF GUILTY

Simmons Assails Motives of Newspapers Which Are Assailing Order.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Oct. 12. The Ku Klux Klan was defended by by its imperial wizard, Col. William Jo-

by its imperial wizard, Col. William Joseph Simmons of Atlanta, who entered a denial of the charges which have been made against the organization.

The Kian is not anti-Jew, anti-Catholic nor anti-negro, according to Col. Simmons. He insisted it was not organized for personal gain and he declared charges it has "taken the law into its own hands" were untrue.

"The charge is made," he said, "that we are organized to preach and teach religious intolerance and especially that we are anti-Roman Catholic and anti-negro. The works of the Klan prove this absolutely untrue. Many alleged outrages have been attributed to the Klan, but none of these were against Roman Catholics, Jews and negroes, perse, and none were committed by the Klan."

Col. Simmons counter charged that

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Col. Simmons counter charged that the campaign against the Klan was started by a New York newspaper to gain circulation and that another New York newspaper followed suit when its circulation began to drop.

"Just as Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver," said Col. Simmons, "so there was found by one of these papers a former Klansman who for money betrayed his oath. My information is that this man was paid \$5,000 cash and \$100 a week as long as he worked on the stories."

Col. Simmons read a long statement in which he denied the charges against the Klan. He was permitted to finish his statement without interruption, and because he complained of illness he was excused from cross-examination until tomorrow. The imperial wizard began by revealing the origin of his lesser title, "Colonel." He is a Spanish War veteran, but he did not gain the rank of colonel until he joined the Modern Woodmen of America, in which organization he commanded a "regiment."

He told the committee he hoped it would make the most thorough investigation of the Klan and promised that if one one-thousandth part of the charges against it were proven he would call the Grand Concilium together for the purpose of disbanding the organization. Representative Tague of Boston, who is urging the inquiry, informed the committee that Jewish opponents of the Klan were unable to be present because they were engaged in observing Yom Kippur to-day. He indicated that they would be prepared to take the stand against the Klan as soon as Col. Simmons has completed his testimony.

\*\*INVESTIGATION BEGINS\*\*

#### INVESTIGATION BEGINS OF K.K.K. PARADE DEATH

WACO, Tex., Oct. 12.—Twelve witnesses were examined during to-day's session of the McClennan county Grand Jury investigating the fight at Lorena, near here, October 1, when Sheriff Bob Buchanan attempted to halt a Ku Klux Klan parade, in which ten men were wounded, one of whom died later.

Stress on the oath of secrecy was laid by District Judge E. I. Munroe, in his charge to the Grand Jury, which was instructed to investigate the affair "thoroughly, without fear or favor" and

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